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3 MR. JANSSEN: I'm an occasional visitor to  
4 Las Vegas, having been here one or two times per year  
5 the last four years. I first came to Las Vegas in 1951  
6 as an employee of Sandia Corporation and observed  
7 weapons drops up at the Nevada Test Site as an employee  
8 and then went into the Navy in 1954.

9 I've been coming back periodically ever since  
10 to Las Vegas every year or so, and as a mechanical  
11 engineer I've had considerable interest in the issue of  
12 what to do with the nuclear waste from the atomic  
13 weapons plants -- atomic -- correct that, atomic power  
14 plants.

15 I live in Sandusky, Ohio, which is about 25  
16 miles from Davis Bessy Nuclear Plant, and have a very  
17 good friend who is an engineer, a woman there who is  
18 becoming an operator. She has told me about the  
19 storage issues of the nuclear waste, fuel waste from  
20 the plant, how it's accumulating.

21 I've observed many national news issues, news  
22 broadcasts, news reports about the quantity of material  
23 that's now in storage at . . . I believe it to be at  
24 least 77 sites. It may be as high as 107. I don't

25 know the exact difference between there, more or less,

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1 whatever, but it's a tremendous problem for the  
2 country. And as a nation we are now facing a very  
3 severe and critical time where terrorists seem to be  
4 showing their hand around the world as well as here in  
5 the United States, for example, the World Trade Center  
6 and now this big Anthrax scare.

7 I have visited Yucca Mountain three times on  
8 the government sponsored tours and have had an  
9 opportunity to see the work that's going on there, the  
10 investment and time and material and equipment, talent,  
11 which I believe has now cost the government up towards  
12 \$6 billion, more or less, and it is now the only real  
13 site being considered for the storage of the nuclear  
14 waste of the nuclear plants.

15 And because of this problem of storage of  
16 this material and its possibility of the hazards of it  
17 spread out throughout the United States, it's my  
18 opinion that it's best preserved and retained in a  
19 central location at Yucca Mountain.

20 Realizing it would be a considerable problem  
21 to move the material here, but due to the remote site

22 at Yucca Mountain from main population centers, the  
23 planned elevation of the storage chambers below ground  
24 and above the water table, the depth of the storage  
25 chambers, the engineering that's gone into the system  
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1 so far, I feel it would be the most safe and secure  
2 method of storage.

3 Not only do we have threats of terrorist  
4 disaster, but you also have natural disasters, for  
5 example, meteorites or earthquakes, that sort of thing  
6 could also cause a problem at any one of these sites,  
7 which would dispel the radioactive material upstream,  
8 downwind, all over from the event.

9 I know many of the political leaders of the  
10 State of Nevada, local and state representatives to the  
11 Nevada state government as well as the congressmen and  
12 senators from Nevada, all oppose the idea of storage  
13 here. The story is Nevada does not have any nuclear  
14 waste creation facilities, no nuclear plants, why  
15 should they been accepting this material from other  
16 states.

17 But as an example of like what was occurring  
18 during the civil war, it's going to be that federal

19 rights will, I'm sure, overturn states' rights in this  
20 issue. Plus the fact we have such a tremendous  
21 population representation in the United States other  
22 than those from Nevada, that the approval of the plan  
23 by the senate and congress, as well as the president, I  
24 think, can be obtained.

25 I have written a letter already and it should

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1 be on file, expressing similar opinions. This was well  
2 before the World Trade Center disaster. And if I  
3 remember correctly, I mentioned the possibility of the  
4 terrorist attacks upon nuclear plants.

5 My visit today is to further emphasize my  
6 feeling, and though I may be a voice in the wilderness  
7 here in the local population of Las Vegas, I thought I  
8 better come over and give you my opinion.

9 I've read reports where this facility may  
10 cost much more than any other facility built by the  
11 federal government due to its complexity, the  
12 requirement for automatic and remote handling systems  
13 and equipment, and now we'll probably have to take into  
14 consideration the possibility of aircraft-type created  
15 disasters due to high-jacking or other methods of

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16 destruction, and I feel that the site is best suited

17 for the location of the material.

18 Do you want my name and address too?

19 HEARING OFFICER HAMPTON: Yes.

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